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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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H O U S E R E S O L U T I O N

**HONORING AND THANKING NICHOLAS LOWINGER FOR CREATING THE "GOTTA
HAVE SOLE FOUNDATION"**

Introduced By: Representative Robert B. Lancia

Date Introduced: June 04, 2015

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Nicholas Lowinger is a bright, caring and enterprising young man who daily
2 strives to make a difference in the world and to help those less fortunate people in dire need of
3 assistance; and

4 WHEREAS, At a very young age, Nicholas was saddened to see young children living in
5 homeless shelters, suffering from a deficiency of numerous things, including adequate footwear.
6 Their plight inspired him to try to do something to change this condition and, thus was born the
7 idea to create a charitable entity to do something creative to help these youngsters; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2010, as part of a community service project for his Bar Mitzvah
9 ceremony, Nicholas created the "Gotta Have Sole Foundation." Working from the family's
10 garage, stuffed with Nike, Stride Rite and New Balance Sneakers, winter boots, and special shoes
11 for toddlers, Nicholas and his foundation have distributed much-needed footwear to
12 approximately 36,000 deserving children in 41 states and have visited countless homeless shelters
13 distributing shoes, sneakers, and, most important of all, hope to people living on the margins of
14 life; and

15 WHEREAS, Nicholas has earned many well-deserved awards and honors for his
16 charitable endeavors, including most recently being awarded the Nickelodeon HALO (Helping
17 and Leading Others) Award and the Charlotte Bacon Act of Kindness Award. Nicholas has also
18 appeared on the "Today Show," NBC Nightly News, and CNN; and

19 WHEREAS, Nicholas is currently a 17 year old junior attending the Wheeler School. He

1 is a member of the Debate Club and plays tennis for the Wheeler Varsity Tennis Team, which just
2 won the 2015 Rhode Island Boys Division Two State Championship. Nicholas is also an avid
3 public speaker. He gives numerous speeches at national conferences and galas and specifically
4 focuses on inspiring and motivating young people to give back to their communities; now,
5 therefore be it

6 RESOLVED, That this House of Representatives of the State of Rhode Island and
7 Providence Plantations hereby honors and congratulates Nicholas Lowinger for creating the
8 "Gotta Have Sole Foundation" which provides much needed footwear to homeless youngsters and
9 those living in poverty; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit duly certified copies of this resolution to Nicholas Lowinger and Lisa Lowinger.

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